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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2011 1:17 PM  
**To:** 'P'  
**Subject:** RE: Emailing: Letter\_of\_Protest\_Form\_pub\_0001

Dear Ms. King,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email and Letter of Protest to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email and Letter of Protest will become a part of Docket No. 2011-271-E and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling  
Administrative Assistant

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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2011 8:47 AM  
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**Letter of Protest**  
**in Docket \* 2011 - 271 - E**

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Date: \* November 15, 2011

**Protestant Information:**

Name \* Paula King

Mailing Address \* 2 Lantern Drive

City, State Zip \* Greer, SC 29651 Phone \* 804-877-5117

E-mail

**1. What is your connection or interest in this case? \* For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

I am a customer of Duke Energy that is subject to a pending rate increase of 15%.

**2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. \* (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)**

I have a energy efficient home and have implemented most of the energy savers described in the Energy Booklet. I am a senior who only has income from a part time job, since I do not collect Social Security. Right now my thermostat is set on 62 degrees and that is all I can afford. If Duke Energy receives it's 15% rate increase I will be forced to lower my thermostat to 60 degrees to stay within my monthly budget. I do not think Duke Energy executives care what seniors have to do, and are too worried about their investors. I use high efficiency light bulbs, turn my computer off, have power strips all over the house, and still have to take drastic measures by lowering the temperature in the winter, and raising my air conditioning in the summer to save money. Please reconsider the rate increase, with the economic slump the county is in now, I think that Duke Energy's outrageous rate increase is ill timed.

**3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? \***  
**(This section should be completed.)**

No.

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